

To the President of Jacobs University,

We, the undersigned, represent Alumni of Jacobs University, who have encountered Professor Philipp Genschel during our studies, and those among our community, who are concerned about the future of the comprehensive and interdisciplinary higher education program offered at the international university in Bremen-Nord. We write to express our alarm over Professor Genschel's sudden dismissal.

Philipp Genschel took up his position as an Associate Professor of Political Science at IUB (International University Bremen) in 2002. He was promoted to the status of full Professor at Jacobs University in 2008. As a faculty member who taught in the ISS (Integrated Social Sciences) and IPH (International Politics and History) programs, he instructed generations of students who went on to become accomplished professionals, scholars, and policy practitioners. The student community twice selected him as the recipient of the "Best Teacher of the Year" award.

His contributions were key at the young university, which was founded on the principle of offering a *comprehensive* range of interdisciplinary undergraduate and graduate programs, including a commitment to social science education. Professor Genschel's contributions played a significant role in designing and establishing social and political science programs that achieved excellent ratings in international university rankings and attracted strong applicants from around the globe.

Professor Genschel's research accomplishments are evidenced by his outstanding publication record, which includes seven books and the authorship and co-authorship of numerous leading works in the fields of European Integration, International Organizations, and Global Governance. He is a leader in a thriving international network of social science experts, and his academic work has attracted more than 6000 citations.

From 2014 until 2022, Dr. Genschel was on leave from Jacobs University because he had been appointed as a Professor and Chair of European Public Policy at the European University Institute (EUI) in Florence. This is a rare academic honor—the EUI does not have a permanent faculty body but is staffed by distinguished researchers who complete eight-year appointments in this leading higher education institution.

The decision by the university leadership to serve him his dismissal letters upon his scheduled return to Bremen alarms us. For an institution that is publicly committed to offering the highest standards in research and teaching in all areas of science, it is exceptionally ill-advised to lay off one of the institution's leading social science scholars. For the future of the university in Bremen-Nord, it is imperative that academic excellence, including a credible commitment to the social sciences, remain the priority. We hope that the university's executive and academic leadership will reaffirm their commitment to social science research and education at Jacobs not only in words, but also in deeds.

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1	Michal Onderco	2009	Full Professor	Erasmus University Rotterdam
2	Steffi Hamann	2009	Adjunct Professor	University of Guelph
3	Michal Lehuta	2007	macroeconomist	VUB bank (Intesa Sanpaolo)
4	Horia Ciochina	2008	Managing Director	Cashtriba
5	Magdalena Narozniak	2008	Attorney	State of Connecticut Office of the Public Defender
6	Maya Stanulova	2009	Manager	Deloitte
7	Catalina Iorga	2009	Freelance Content Manager	N/A
8	Ante Lučić	2010	Entrepreneur & HR Consultant	A-Link Consulting Ltd.
9	Gabriel Boc	2009	Senior Agriculture Specialist - Africa Lead	Green Climate Fund (GCF)
10	Vratko Strmen	2010	CEO	SK Catering, s.r.o.
11	Christine Huebner	2009	Lecturer	The University of Sheffield
12	Glenna Mowry	2009	Senior Director, Learning Products	2U, Inc.
13	Sonia Ilie	2009	Associate Professor	University of Cambridge
14	Stefanie Reher	2009	Senior Lecturer	University of Strathclyde, Glasgow

15	Jan Eichhorn	2009	Senior Lecturer	University of Edinburgh
16	Lisa Heindl	2007	Project Manager FreiRAUM StartUp Lab	Hochschule Bremen
17	Hana Galal	2009	Sustainability & Strategy - Aviation Consultant	Airbiz
18	Julian Wucherpennig	2004	Full Professor	Hertie School, Berlin
19	Lavanya Ferdinandz	2013	Policy officer	DBB Beamtenbund und Tarifunion
20	Carola Klöck	2008	Assistant professor	Sciences Po Paris
21	Christopher J. Kausch II	2012	World Language Teacher	The Harley School, Rochester NY, USA
22	Alexandra Tudoroiu-Lakavice	2008	Head of Policy	COGEN Europe
23	Ioana Chereji	2008	HR Manager	Victoria Big Build Program
24	Yonca Dege	2010	Research Fellow	d part Think Tank for political participation
25	Cristina Sarb	2008	Corporate Affairs Lead (Medicines Policy)	Novartis UK
26	Hieu Nguyen	2010	Consultant	Private
27	Henrik Maedler	2007	Senior Consultant	Lufthansa Consulting
28	Jessica Ice	2010	Attorney	N/A
29	Katherine Woolbright	2013	College Counsellor and Academic Tutor	Woolbright Educational Services, Zurich, Switzerland

30	Petya Alexandrova Petrova	2008	Senior Analyst (Team Leader) - Strategic Analysis	European Union Agency for Asylum
31	Nora Lücke	2007	Bilanzbuchhalter	Alumni
32	Patrick Kotzur	2013	Assistant Professor	Durham University
33	Rai Sharaiz Rehman	2019	Sales development associate	RiskMethods
34	Judith Michels	2005	Alumna and former student of Prof. Genschel	N/A
35	Claudia Buengeler	2013	Full Professor	Kiel University
36	Blake Lannom	2010	Adjunct Faculty	Lipscomb University
37	Kersti Harvey	2011	Teacher	Toronto District School Board
38	Luise Heinrich	2013	Environment and Permitting Specialist	Ørsted Germany
39	Marie Haude	2008	PhD/Senior Consultant	TNG Technology Consulting GmbH
40	Stefanie Kos (Möschk)	2005	Senior Director	Procter & Gamble
41	Zaina Batool	2016	Investment Associate	Enerparc AG
42	Ognyan Seizov	2013	International Communications Director	urgewald e.V.
43	Melanie Wilneder	2006	Manager	Alumna
44	Nora Hofstetter	2010	Freelance organizational consultant	N/A
45	Franziska Pohle	2015	Analyst	Elsevier

46	Désirée Schwindenhammer	2016	PhD Candidate	Albert-Ludwigs-Universität Freiburg
47	Rebecca Tillery	2020	Management Consultant	1789 Innovations AG // UCL
48	Giannina Kuhlen	2009	Principal	Boston Consulting Group
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50	Marc Frey	Jacobs University Prof 2006-2013	Professor of Contemporary History	Bundeswehr University Munich
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56	Andres Alvarado	2005	Delivery Director	Alumni
57	Aryani Sumoondur	2004, 2006	Climate and Sustainability Consultant	Earth Memories
58	Jan-Dirk Früchtenicht	2005	Head of Corporate Risk Management & Internal Control	Former Student of Prof. Genschel

59	Wiebke Drews	2011	Post-Doc / Research Associate	Universität der Bundeswehr München
60	Paola Solimena	2014	DPhil International Relations	University of Oxford
61	Henning Schmidtke	2008	Research Associate	Minde de Gunzburg Center for European Studies at Harvard University
62	Moritz Weiss	2010	Senior lecturer	LMU Munich
63	Lisa Mueller-Dormann	2014	Programme Manager	Danish Refugee Council
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65	Ingo Rohlfing	Former PhD student of Prof. Genschel	Professor for Methods of Empirical Social Research	Universität Passau
66	Alexander Akbik	2011	Product manager	International University
67	Dr. Benjamin Brast	2011	Graduate Center Coordinator	TU Dortmund University
68	Dr Marret Bischewski	2011	QDA Software Training and Support	N/A
69	Dzintars Kalniņš	2011	Business Development Manager	Stableton Financial (Zurich)
70	Emmy Eklundh	2011	Senior Lecturer in Politics	Cardiff University
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